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SHORTAGE OF MANPOWER IN DGCA
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been a shortage of manpower in Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) despite heavy growth of air traffic in the country as reported in `The Times of India` dated December 11, 2007;

(b) if so, the facts thereof;

(c) whether the Government has made any assessment of the shortage of manpower in the DGCA;

(d) if so, the details in this regard;

(e) the actual strength of manpower posted in various airports in the country against the sanctioned strength;

(f) the extent to which passenger safety aspect has been affected by inadequate manpower in such airports; and (g) the remedial steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION(SHRI PRAFUL PATEL)

(a) and (b):- Yes, Sir. As against the sanctioned strength of 683, 534 employees are in position in Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA).

(c) and (d):- The Government had constituted a Committee under the Chairmanship of Shri M.K. Kaw, former Secretary, Ministry of Civil Aviation to review the roles and functions of DGCA. Out of the 276 recommendations 27 specifically pertain t o additional manpower requirement in DGCA. These recommendations were accepted by Government for implementation.

(e):- As against a strength of 199 employees sanctioned for the five major airports, 139 employees are in position.

(f) and (g):- DGCA continues to effectively enforce safety and regulatory standards on all airlines/operators without compromising passenger safety. While Government takes action on continuous basis for filling up the vacant posts, proposal for revival of lapsed vacancies are taken up on need basis.